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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. EGYPTIAN POSITION ON SC DEBATE ON MIDEAST

A. AN EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL HAS TOLD
USINT CAIRO THAT EGYPT IS INTERESTED IN MAINTAINING
US " NEUTRALITY" ON THE ME ISSUE. HE EMPHASIZED
THAT EGYPT DID NOT WANT TO ATTACK THE US IN THE
SC FORUM. (CONFIDENTIAL) USINT CAIRO 1512, 5/22.

B. EMBASSY TEL AVIV WAS TOLD BY AN ISRAELI FOREIGN
MINISTRY OFFICIAL THAT EGYPT WOULD NOT WAGE A
CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE US IN THE ME DEBATE. SHE
SAID THAT SADAT KNOWS THAT A CRISIS ATMOSPHERE
WITHOUT OUTCOME WOULD LEAVE HIM WEAKER THAN EVER
AND COULD LEAD TO PRESSURES ON EGYPT TO INITIATE
MILITARY ACTION. (CONFIDENTIAL) TEL AVIV 4005,
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2. BRANDT ON THE BREZHNEV VISIT

FRG CHANCELLOR BRANDT SAW AMBASSADOR HILLENBRAND

IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE DEPARTURE OF GENERAL SECRETARY BREZHNEV FOR A BRIEFING ON HIS VISIT. BRANDT SAID THAT BREZHNEV HAD PRESSED FOR RAPID MOVEMENT ON CSCE AND SAID THAT GENUINE MBFR NEGOTIATIONS COULD ONLY BEGIN AFTER ALL PHASES OF CSCE HAVE BEEN CONCLUDED. BREZHNEV POINTED OUT THAT STRATEGIC WEAPONS HAVE TO BE DISCUSSED BILATERALLY BETWEEN THE US AND THE USSR. ACCORDING TO BRANDT, THE FRG MET THE MOST DIFFICULTY IN EFFORTS TO OBTAIN SOME SATISFACTION OVER BERLIN.
(SECRET) BONN 7381, 5/22.

3. ICELAND- UK FISHING DISPUTE

A. ICELAND' S POSITION HARDENS...

ICELANDIC POLITICAL LEADERS ARE UNIFORMLY INDIGNANT OVER THE BRITISH DECISION TO SEND DESTROYERS WITHIN THE ICELANDIC 50 MILE FISHERIES JURISDICTION, REPORTS EMBASSY REYKJAVIK. MANY HAVE CRITICIZED NATO FOR FAILING TO PREVENT THE BRITISH MOVE AND GENERAL FEELING EXISTS THAT THE IDF AND NATO HAVE LOST SUPPORT. ICELAND' S PRIME MINISTER HAS STATED THAT HE MIGHT RAISE THE MATTER WITH PRESIDENTS NIXON AND POMPIDOU NEXT WEEK. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)
REYKJAVIK 571, 5/22.

B. ... WHILE NORWAY HOPES FOR A THAW

EMBASSY OSLO REPORTS THAT THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT WILL MAKE DEMARCHES IN REYKJAVIK AND LONDON AND IS PREPARED TO PLAY A MEDIATORY ROLE IF DESIRED BY THE PARTIES TO THE DISPUTE. A FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL SAID THAT NORWAY IS GREATLY CONCERNED
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WITH THE GENERAL POLITICAL SITUATION AND COHESION AND SOLIDARITY IN NATO. (CONFIDENTIAL) OSLO 1918,
5/22.

4. CAMBODIA

THE HIGHWAY BETWEEN PHNOM PENH AND KAMPSONG SOM (ROUTE 5)

HAS BEEN CUT BY ENEMY FORCES. FANK HAS REINFORCEMENTS
EN ROUTE TO THE SCENE. TO THE NORTH SOME PROGRESS HAS
BEEN MADE IN THE ROUTE 5 CLEARING OPERATION. IN THE
NEAK LUONG AREA THE ENEMY HAS SHARPLY INCREASED HIS

ACTIVITY. ONLY LIGHT CASUALTIES HAVE BEEN REPORTED
HOWEVER. ROUTE 3 FORCES HAVE MADE ADVANCES WITH
NO ENEMY RESISTANCE ENCOUNTERED. FANK FORCES NEAR
TAKEO HAVE MADE NO FURTHER PROGRESS. (SECRET)
CAMBODIAN DAMSREP, 5/23. RUSH

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